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Modalities with regard to duty free

Exports of Pepper and Desiccated Coconut from Sri Lanka to India

1. India would enable import of 2500 mt of Pepper and 500 mt of Desiccated Coconut per annum from Sri Lanka through import authorizations issued by DGFT of the Government of India. These authorizations, together with Certificate of Origin issued by Government of Sri Lanka will facilitate clearance of import consignment at zero duty for pepper and 30% duty for desiccated coconut.
2. The authorizations will be granted equitably among the desirous importers of pepper and desiccated coconut, who apply for the same to DGFT on invitation through a public notice issued in this regard.
3. [The annual TRQ for pepper will be utilized over the period 1st April to 31st December.]
4. Import authorization for pepper and desiccated coconut will be valid for imports through all ports in India [except Cochin and Tuticorin.]
5. In order to facilitate the export during the current year, the pepper already imported into India under the ISFTA since 1st April 2006 shall be adjusted within the TRQ of 2500 mt for the period 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007.
6. The yearly export allocation shall not be exceeded. The export would be treated as valid if the on board bill of lading is dated on or before [31st December] for pepper and 31st March for desiccated coconut.
7. Prior to export, the Sri Lanka based exporter will obtain a Certificate of Origin from the Department of Commerce of Sri Lanka within the

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allocated quota for the year, to undertake such export under the ISFTA.

8. The Department of Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka and the DGFT of the Government of India will jointly monitor the utilization of quotas within the agreed TRQ. This information is ordinarily posted on the DGFT website. Similarly the data on issue of Certificate of Origin will be posted on the DOC website of Government of Sri Lanka.
9. The DGFT of the Government of India and the DG Commerce of the Government of Sri Lanka will finalize the modalities mentioned above subject to approval of competent authorities of both the Governments.



